

Chair Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing ACT Legislative Assembly CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Davis

PETITIONS RECEIVED BY THE ASSEMBLY

Standing order No. 99A of the ACT Legislative Assembly requires that a petition and/or e-petition with at least 500 signatories from residents/citizens of the Australian Capital Territory shall be referred to the relevant Assembly standing committee for consideration.

Attached please find a copy of the terms of petitions No 24-20 and No 3-21 lodged by Mrs Kikkert MLA and received by the Assembly on 9 February 2021.

Yours sincerely

Tom Duncan Clerk

9 February 2021

cc Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert MLA

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ACT Legislative

Subject:

Improve and strengthen drug and alcohol treatment services in Canberra

Closing Date: Sponsoring Member: Principal Petitioner:

Mrs Elizabeth Kikkert

Mary Bingham

07/02/2021



Number of Signatures: 212

TO: The Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

The following residents of the ACT draw to the attention of the Assembly that: - according to ACIC reporting, the average consumption of many major drugs, including alcohol and tobacco, has been increasing in the ACT in recent years;

- specialist alcohol, tobacco and other drug services in the territory can no longer meet demand, with waiting lists growing even longer in 2020;

- delays in accessing rehabilitation services may negatively hinder successful treatment; and - research confirms the link between alcohol and other drugs and violence in the home.

The petitioners, therefore, request the Assembly to call upon ACT Government to conduct a thorough inquiry into the alcohol, tobacco and other drug service sector, including prevention/early intervention services and pathways as well as treatment/rehabilitation services, both for persons on Drug and Alcohol Treatment Orders and those voluntarily seeking help, to:

- identity current strength and weaknesses;

- access current and future demands; and

- recommend service and funding models that will better meet people's needs.

Here follows the signatures:

Name:

Address:

Email:

PETITION

To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory

493 signature

This petition of certain residents of the Australian Capital Territory draws to the attention of the Assembly that:

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- research confirms the link between alcohol and other drugs and violence in the home.

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- identify current strengths and weaknesses; .
- assess current and future demands; and
- recommend service and funding models that will better meet people's needs.

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NAME (please print)

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE